

MR. KOINER AGAIN SEEKING LABOR

Commissioner of Agriculture
and Immigration on a Second
Trip Abroad.

ANTICIPATING NEW LAWS

Wishes to Get as Many Farmers
as Possible Before New Statutes
Are Effective.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration G. W. Koiner left last night for New York, from which place he will sail tomorrow on the steamship Celtic for England, his mission being to induce desirable immigration to this State before further efforts in this direction are handicapped by the new immigration law of the United States, which becomes effective July 1st.

Mr. Koiner has already done a good work in this direction, as a result of which many farm laborers have been placed in Virginia. Of course, the number of immigrants thus far has not been anything like large enough to meet the demands of the farmers, but considering the short time the movement has been going on, and the limited funds with which the Commissioner had to prosecute it, the success has certainly exceeded expectations. Scarcely a week has passed for six months that a vessel has not landed with immigrants for Virginia. However, the labor situation in this State as far as the farmers were concerned had reached that point where thousands of men were needed, instead of hundreds, and, therefore, though many have been supplied by Mr. Koiner, there is a constant cry for help from the great majority who are still in dire need.

The immigrants already here will be the means of inducing many more to follow them, from which it will be seen that the work is one that to a great extent builds itself, but the Commissioner wishes to have a solid foundation upon which to build. During his trip last summer, Mr. Koiner's work necessarily was to some extent experimental, as he had to become familiar with the situation as it confronted him in the countries in which he was working.

The experience he now has, however, will enable him to prosecute this work with greater effect, as he is already familiar with the conditions which will have to be met, and, therefore, will be in a better position to conduct the work to the best advantage.

He will operate only in Great Britain and Northern Europe, where he may be found by farm laborers who Mr. Koiner thinks best adapted to Virginia. There is no man in the State better fitted for this work than Mr. Koiner, and the State Board of Agriculture and Immigration, as well as the Governor, recognized this in again sending the Commissioner on this most important mission.

Virginia, however, is not alone in realizing that now, ever is the time to act, if the immigration work is to be successfully carried on, for South Carolina, Alabama, Maryland, Louisiana, and other Southern States will have their representatives in Europe within the next few weeks.

Ex-Governor Haywood, of South Carolina, will go to Europe in a few days in the interests of his State, which has made such a determined effort to secure immigration.

A prominent railroad immigration agent, who visited Richmond yesterday, said that he thought Virginia was doing the best work in this direction of any in the South.

As an instance of the pressing need of farm labor in Virginia, Mr. Koiner said that a few days ago he received a letter from a man who owned 500 acres of good land, upon which was some very fine timber, but the only help he had was a boy, and he and this led him to do all the feeding.

This farmer stated that unless he could secure some help very shortly he would be compelled to sell his farm and everything upon it. Many similar cases no doubt exist in the State. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Koiner, Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, in the Capitol building, and such communications as require Mr. Koiner's personal attention, will be forwarded to him.

EARTHQUAKE AT BITLIS.

Three Hundred Houses Destroyed
and Many Others Injured.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 4.—The following dispatch was received here today from the Rev. Royal M. Cole, head of the American mission at Bitlis, Turkish Armenia:

"At 10 o'clock in the forenoon of March 24th there burst upon us, unannounced, the worst earthquake witnessed in forty years in these or the Ezerum volcanic regions. During the first day there were fourteen shocks, and they still continue. Over three hundred houses have fallen, and half have remained standing. In the city of Bitlis, eight persons were killed by falling walls, but they are all unknown in Bitlis. Many persons were wounded and many churches, mosques and government buildings were damaged. The surrounding villages, situated on hills, were shaken, and the Russian consul, Charles E. Ely, Mary A. C. Ely, Royal M. Cole, Mrs. Lizzie Cole and Miss Nellie A. Cole."

Quiet in Central America.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—A cablegram from Captain Doyle, commanding the cutter Chicago, announces the arrival of that vessel and the gunboat Princeton at Amapala, Honduras, yesterday. Captain Doyle stated that there has been no cessation of hostilities for the present, and he was about to cross the bay with the Chicago to the Salvadoran port of La Unión to confer with Mr. Brown, the American Secretary of Legation, who was at that place looking after American interests.

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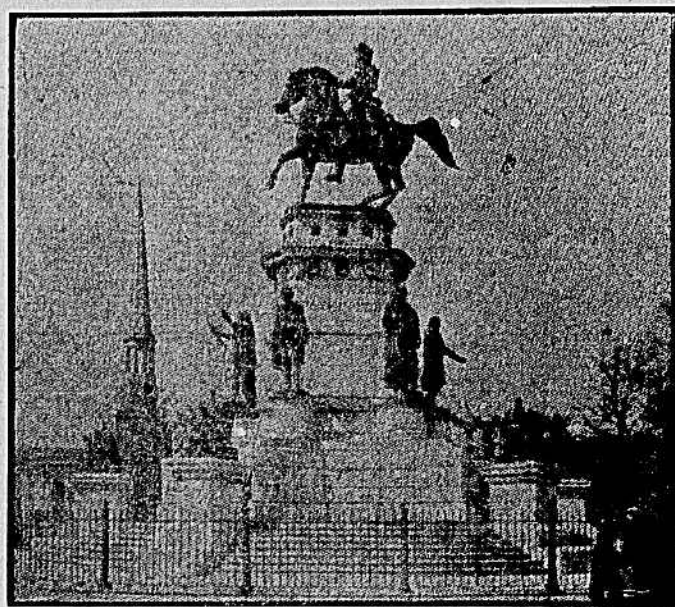
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PLAN TO REMOVE UNSIGHTLY FENCE FROM MONUMENT



Washington Group in Capitol Square, showing iron fence obstructing view of base of monument.

Governor Swanson is being earnestly urged by many prominent people to have the iron fence removed from around the Washington Monument, in the Capitol Square, and though His Excellency has reached no definite conclusion with reference to the matter, it is known that he is giving it serious consideration.

It is urged in support of the plan to remove the fence that it obstructs a proper view of the base of the monument from all sides, and really serves no good purpose. The handsome steps which surround the base, and which add greatly to the commanding appearance of the structure as a whole, are partially obscured from view by the unsightly old fence, and the same may be said of the lower portion of the monument.

It is pretty generally agreed that the removal of the fence would add in no small measure to the appearance of both

the monument and that portion of the Square in which it is situated, but there are those who fear the change might result in the priceless statue being injured by vandals. In answer to this, however, it is suggested that the Square is well policed, and that as many as two officers are always on duty about the monument. It is pointed out that if any person greatly desired to injure the monument, the fence of itself would not prevent this, as it could be very easily climbed over.

Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston, one of those who favor the removal of the fence, and he has made his wishes known to the Governor, and has stated his reasons in a letter to the Landscape Gardener Brown, of Washington, who drew the plans for the recent improvements to the grounds, first looked over the Square, and stated that if the fence were taken away it would enhance the beauty of the monument and Square, and suggested that this be done.

MRS. PAGE GIVES \$12,000 TO ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—By an unsolicited gift of \$12,000, Mrs. Florence Lathrop Page has made the first start toward an endowment fund for the Associated Charities of this city.

Thomas Nelson Page, the husband of the donor, attended a special meeting of the board of managers of the Associated Charities held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Justice

David J. Brewer, president of the society. Mrs. Page explained the purpose of the gift to be the establishment of a trust fund, of which only the interest is to be used for the purposes of the Associated Charities. The board of managers is to have full power to reinvest the money at any time, and is unrestricted in its use of the interest.

E. H. HARRIMAN'S COUNSEL HEARD

Argues Before the Interstate
Commission on Railway
Deals.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Argument in the matter of E. H. Harriman's railroad transactions was begun before the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The case commenced at 10 o'clock, and when the commission adjourned for the day at 4:30, Mr. Harriman's attorneys had not concluded their presentation in his behalf. The first of the series of addresses was made by Attorney Paul D. Cravath, who represented not only Mr. Harriman, but also Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and he was followed in the order named by Judge R. S. Lovett and John G. Milburn. Mr. Cravath dealt especially with the Chicago and Alton transaction, while Mr. Lovett devoted most of his attention to the attack upon the consolidation of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific roads, which was brought about largely through Mr. Harriman's instrumentality. Mr. Milburn had not concluded when the commission adjourned, but so far as he went, he dealt entirely with the union of the two Pacific road companies, while Mr. Lovett devoted most of his attention to the attack upon the consolidation of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific roads, which was brought about largely through Mr. Harriman's instrumentality.

Mr. Cravath contended that the Chicago and Alton transaction had been misunderstood by both the commission and the public, and he declared that the proceeding that followed was not unusual in financial transactions. Mr. Lovett also gave some attention to the Chicago and Alton affair, contending that the public had suffered no loss on account of the method of recapitalization. With reference to the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific roads, he declared that they were not competing lines, but argued that even if they were, the transaction had not been illegal, because the Southern Pacific had been purchased outright by the Union Pacific, which was not in contravention of the Constitution.

Mr. Milburn said that the general application of the anti-trust law to the railroads of the country, as it was proposed to apply it in the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific deal, would put every system upon the defensive, and that most of them would have greater difficulty than would the Union Pacific system in meeting the attack.

Mr. Page's attitude.
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In front of Mrs. Page's palatial home here there was a triangle which he wanted converted into a government reservation. He worked for this several years. If he had attained his object, the park would have beautified the city, and would have given his house a fine outlook. But Perry Belmont bought that triangle, and on it he will have erected in the near future one of the very handsomest houses in the city.

This does not increase the friendliness of the Pages for the Belmonts at all.

THIRTY FIREMEN INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Chief Croker and His Men
Caught in Burning
Building.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Thirty firemen, among them Chief Croker and Deputy Chief Guerrier, were injured by an explosion which occurred at the front wall of the building from the fourth story up and shook portions of two other buildings. The explosion was caused by a fire in the five-story building at 159 Maiden Lane early today, when two of the injured men were severely hurt.

Nearly a hundred firemen were at work on the burning building when an explosion ripped off the roof and the front wall of the building from the fourth story up and shook portions of two other buildings.

At the sound of the explosion the firemen fled, but thirty of them were caught in the crush of falling debris. The burning building was occupied by William H. Schuele & Co., dealers in guns and varnishes.

SPRY UNTIL DEATH AT 108.

Woman Cut Third Set of Teeth
Two Years Ago.

ASHVILLE, N. C., April 4.—Miss Kate Brunner died today at her home, near Flat Top Church, in the Haystack section of Surry county, at the age of 108 years.

She was the oldest person in the county, and had been remarkably healthy all her life, until she finally succumbed to old age. She could see without glasses, having second sight, and two years ago she cut her third set of teeth.

PERRY BELMONT IS BLACKBALLED



MR. AND MRS. PERRY BELMONT.

Practically Turned Down by the Governors of Chevy Chase Club—Rumor that His Wife Was the Cause—Not Received at White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Mr. Perry Belmont's eligibility for membership in the Chevy Chase Club has never been passed on by the board of governors of the club.

Of the fourteen governors, twelve voted for the admission of Perry Belmont, whose name was up for admission.

Mr. Belmont's friends do not regard the affair as ended, and are confident that he will yet become a member of the club.

These are the real facts of the published report that Mr. and Mrs. Belmont had been blackballed by the club.

Open Opposition.
A meeting of the governors was held Friday, and Mr. Belmont's friends proposed his name for membership. A. S. Worthington openly announced that he would oppose Mr. Belmont's admission if the thing came to a vote. The vote was taken, and two black balls were found in the box in which ballots were cast.

General Wallace Randolph was the other man voting against Mr. Belmont, according to those who are familiar with the situation. At any rate, a few nights later, when Mr. Belmont was invited to join a group of men in the Metropolitan Club, among whom was General Randolph, he replied coldly that he would not take a drink with General Randolph.

Hot words ensued. General Randolph went to his home, and, according to Mr. Belmont's friends, has not been seen at the club since, while Mr. Belmont has been there every day.

Reasons for Hostility.
Of the explanations for anybody opposing the admission of Mr. Belmont to the club, there are many. One is that somebody had been infected with the idea that it was good to follow up the attitude of the White House and not encourage the social aspirations and triumphs of the Belmonts. Another is that one of the opposing men was a close friend of Thomas Nelson Page, who dislikes the New York smart set in general and the Belmonts in particular.

Still a third piece of gossip is that one of the men voting against Mr. Belmont is connected in some way with Mrs. Belmont, the former husband of Mrs. Belmont.

Mr. Belmont was obliged to go to New York this morning on important business. He will return tomorrow afternoon. One of his friends, in discussing the matter to-day, said:

"Mr. Belmont will not be affected by this. He will continue to make Washington his regular winter home. He has come here to stay. As everybody knows, he is one of the most famous men in clubdom in this country and in Europe."

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Don't Neglect It

It is a serious mistake to neglect a weak heart. It is such a short step to chronic heart disease. When you notice irregularity of action, occasional short breath, palpitation, fluttering, pain in chest or difficulty in lying on left side, your heart needs help—a strengthening tonic. There is no better remedy than Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. Its strengthening influence is felt almost at once.

"I have used 10 bottles of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and can truthfully say it has done me more good than anything I have ever used. I have been nearly everything that I know of. The doctor who attended me asked me what I was taking, and I told him Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, he said it was not going to do me any good, but it did. I have not taken any for a year now, and while there is occasionally a slight symptom of the old trouble, it is not nearly so bad as it was before. I consider myself practically cured of my heart trouble."

S. H. DUNHAM, Livingston, Texas.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails he will refund your money.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

all. It is as widely alleged to-day, one of Mr. Page's friends blackballed Mr. Belmont from the Chevy Chase Club, is another interesting chapter in the general confusion of dislikes. It is not said that Mr. Page tried to have the blackballing done.

Belmont Will Try Again.
Another of the friends of the Belmonts said to-day:

"We trust and we believe Mr. Belmont will become a member of the Chevy Chase Club. Of course, in view of the publicity that has been given the matter, his name will not be brought before the board of governors right away, but it will be presented to them again, and we think it will be passed on favorably."

Those who contend the turning down of Mr. Belmont may have been caused by the unpopularity of the Belmonts at the White House point out that Mr. Belmont for years has been an opponent of the President, and more recently has indulged in some caustic criticism of the President's policy in regard to campaign political contributions.

Belmonts Have Made Good.

It is a well-known fact that the Belmonts have "made good" here in society, according to those people who make up society. Their friends are so numerous and so influential that few believe the action of two of the governors of the Chevy Chase Club to have any effect on their social career in any manner whatever.

Mr. Sloane, Mrs. Belmont's former husband, has been in Washington the last few days.

WILL NOT APPLY TO HORSE SHOW

Dabney Introduces Amendment

to Ordinance so as to Relieve Association.

Alderman W. T. Dabney, of Madison Ward, last night introduced in the Board of Aldermen, under suspension of the rules, an amendment to the ordinance approved in 1904 affecting seating persons in theatres and other places of public entertainment. The amendment adds a proviso that the ordinance shall not apply to the promenade around the ring in the Horse Show Building during the annual exhibitions of the association.

Approved by Mayor.

Mr. Dabney explained that this amendment had been submitted to the Mayor and that it met his approval. It was referred to the Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform, and will be taken up at the next meeting.

Mr. Dabney introduced another resolution providing for the presentation by the Mayor to both branches of the Council of messages or communications, instead of merely to the branch in which they originated.

Mr. Dabney explained that as a result of the regulation the Board seldom sees messages or communications of the Mayor until they are printed, which was sometimes five or six months later. He suggested also that the Committee on Printing inquire into the delay in printing public documents and see if this condition could not be remedied.

Session of Board.

The Board was called to order at 8 o'clock by President Turpin, with the following members present: Aldermen Adams, Burton, Dabney, Donahoe, Grundy, Gunst, Larus, Masurrier, Moore, Mann, Kennedy, Seay, Whitet and President Turpin.

The call for the meeting was read, and thereupon the resolution of the Common Council approving the award of the contract for the Richmond building, which was the subject of the resolution of the Board, was taken up. The Board concurred in the resolution.

Under suspension of the rules, the Board indulged in considerable informal discussion relative to a change in the rules, necessary to defer the regular meeting. The clerk explained that owing to the fact that the Common Council would meet next night, it would be impossible to have the business of that body ready for presentation to the Board by the regular meeting night.

Various suggestions of a date for the postponed meeting were made, but finally Wednesday, April 17th, was selected.

Transfers to Westhampton.

Alderman Robert Whitet, Jr., introduced an ordinance to require the Richmond Traction Company and the Virginia Passenger and Power Company to transfer to and from the Westhampton line. The ordinance is identical with that offered by Councilman Hunsdon Cary, and both were drawn by the City Attorney, and passed by the Board by a unanimous vote.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Meeting of Council Committee on

Water Held Last Night.

The Council Committee on Water met last night to open bids and award contracts for supplies for the department. Bids were received on various pieces of work, tabulated and compared, after which the committee in executive session awarded the contracts as follows:

On paving work, to J. A. Barge, on brass work, to the Smith-Courtney Company; on meter boxes, to the Richmond Iron Works; on excavating pipe trenches, to J. B. Channing; on paving and cinders, to Charles Glasgow.

Bids are awarded upon the work per place or section, and the contract will cover as much as the city may need to purchase or have done.

Americans, 11 Nationals, 0.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 4.—After thirteen innings of fast play the local Americans defeated the National League team 1 to 0 in the fourth game of a series of seven to decide the city champion.

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50-inch Tapestry, light colors, five different patterns; real value of these goods is \$1.25; special, \$1.00 yard.

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Full line of stripes for couch covers and pillow tops, 33c and 37 1-2c yard.

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All new patterns, 50 inches wide, ten different styles; special, 98c. Extra heavy grades, Oriental stripes, ten different patterns; special, \$1.18.

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Full line of Furniture Gumples, 3c and 5c yard.

Furniture Cord to match, 6 1-4c yard.

PASTOR FAINTED WHILE PREACHING

Congregation Excited by Sudden

Illness of Rev. Mr.

Proctor.

Worshippers at Trinity Methodist

Church were greatly alarmed last

night by the sudden illness of the

pastor, Rev. W. R. Proctor, who fainted

and fell in the midst of his sermon.

A revival has been in progress

at Trinity Church, which is at the

corner of Twentieth and Broad Streets,

and largely attended services have

been held each evening this week.

Last night the pastor, Rev. W. R. Proctor,

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The congregation was greatly impressed

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was suddenly taken with a fainting spell,

and had to stop. With rare presence of mind

he called on Rev. J. W. Sharp to lead

in prayer, and on conclusion of the prayer

attempted to continue his discourse. In

the moment, however, he was overcome

by the prompt assistance of the choirmen, Mr.

Mitchell, would have fallen. With the

assistance of other members of the con-

gregation, he was carried to his study,

and a physician was summoned.

Rev. R. M. Maxey, pastor of Union

Station Methodist Church, conducted the

concluding part of the service. Rev. Mr.

Proctor revived sufficiently to come back

to the pulpit before the service was over,

and announced that he hoped to be able

to preach this evening. He continued

the series of services throughout the week.

Rev. Mr. Proctor is a member of the

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